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LETTERS

Sent to *Great-Britain*, by his Excellency *Thomas Hutchinſon*, the Hon. *Andrew Oliver*, and ſeveral other Perſons, BORN AND EDUCATED AMONG US.

Which original Letters have been returned to *America*, and laid before the honorable Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province.

In which (*notwithſtanding his Excellency's Declaration to the Houſe, that the Tendency and Deſign of them was not to ſubvert the Conſtitution, but rather to preſerve it entire*) the judicious Reader will diſcover the fatal Source of the Confuſion and Bloodſhed in which this Province eſpecially has been involved, and which threatned total Deſtruction to the Liberties of all *America*.

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On Tueſday *June* 16, 1773, the Houſe of Repreſentatives by a very large Majority came into the following *RESOLVES*, upon the Letters that had been laid before them on Wedneſday the ſecond of the ſame Month, *viz.*

RESOLVED, That the Letters ſigned *Tho. Hutchinſon* and thoſe ſigned *And^r Oliver*, now under the Conſideration of this Houſe, appear to be the genuine Letters of the preſent Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this Province, whoſe Hand-writing and Signatures are well known to many of the Members of this Houſe: And, that they contain aggravated Accounts of Facts, and Miſrepreſentations; and that one manifeſt Deſign of them was to repreſent the Matters they treat of in a Light highly injurious to this Province, and the Perſons againſt whom they were wrote.

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Reſolved, That though the Letters aforeſaid, ſigned *Tho. Hutchinſon*, are ſaid by the Governor in his Meſſage to this Houſe of *June* 9th, to be " private Letters wrote to a Gentleman in *London*, ſince deceaſed," and " that all except the laſt were wrote many Months before he came to the Chair ;" yet they were wrote by the preſent Governor, when he was Lieutenant Governor and Chief Juſtice of this Province ; who has been repreſented abroad, as eminent for his Abilities as for his exalted Station ; and was under no official Obligation to tranſmit Intelligence of ſuch Matters as are contained in ſaid Letters : And that they therefore muſt be conſidered by thePerſon to whom they were ſent, as Documents of ſolid Intelligence: And that this Gentleman in *London* to whom they were wrote, was then a Member of the Britiſh Parliament, and one who was very active in *American* Affairs ; and therefore that theſe Letters however ſecretly wrote, muſt naturally be ſuppoſed to have, and really had a public Operation.

Reſolved, That theſe " private Letters" being wrote " with expreſs Confidence of Secrecy," was only to prevent the Contents of them being known *here*, as appears by ſaid Letters ; and this rendered them the more injurious in their Tendency and really *inſidious*. *Reſolved*,

Reſolved, That the Letters ſigned *Tho. Hutchinſon* and thoſe ſigned *And^w Oliver*, conſidering the Perſons by whom they were wrote, the Matters they expreſly contain, *the expreſs Reference in ſome of them for "full Intelligence" to Mr.* Hallowell, *a Perſon deeeply intereſted in the Meaſures ſo much complained of, and recommendatory Notices of divers other Perſons whoſe Emoluments ariſing from our public Burdens might excite them to unfavourable Repreſentation of us*, the Meaſures they ſuggeſt, the Temper in which they were wrote, the Manner in which they were ſent, and the Perſon to whom they were addreſſed ; had a natural and efficacious Tendency to interrupt and alienate the Affections of our moſt gracious Sovereign King George the Third, from this his loyal and affectionate Province ; to deſtroy that Harmony and Good-Will between Great-Britain and this Colony, which every Friend to either would wiſh to eſtabliſh ; to excite the Reſentment of the Britiſh Adminiſtration againſt this Province ; to defeat the Endeavours of our Agents and Friends to ſerve us by a fair Repreſentation of our State of Grievances; to prevent our humble and repeated Petitions from having the deſired effect ; and to produce the ſevere and deſtructive

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Meaſures which have been taken againſt this Province, and others ſtill more ſo which have been threatned.

Reſolved, As theOpinion of thisHouſe, That it clearly appears from the Letters aforeſaid, ſigned *Tho. Hutchinſon* and *And^w Oliver*, that it was the Deſire and Endeavour of the Writers of them, that certain Acts of the Britiſh Parliament for raiſing a Revenue in America, might be carried into Effect by Military Force; and by introducing a Fleet and Army into this his Majeſty's loyal Province, to intimidate the Minds of his Subjects here, and prevent every conſtitutional Meaſure to obtain the Repeal of thoſe Acts, ſo juſtly eſteemed a Grievance to us, and to ſuppreſs the very Spirit of Freedom.

Reſolved, That it is theOpinion of this Houſe,that as the Salaries lately appointed for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Judges of this Province, directly repugnant to the Charter and ſubverſive of Juſtice, are funded on this Revenue; and as theſe Letters were wrote with a Deſign, and had a Tendency to promote and ſupport that Revenue,therefore, there is great Reaſon to ſuppoſe the Writers of thoſe Letters were well knowing to, ſuggeſted and promoted the enacting ſaid Revenue Acts, and the Eſtabliſhments funded on the ſame.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That while the Writer of theſe Letters ſigned *Tho. Hutchinſon*, has been thus exerting himſelf by his "ſecret confidential Correſpondence," to introduce Meaſures deſtructive of our conſtitutional Liberty; he has been practiſing every Method among the People of this Province, to fix in their Minds an exalted Opinion of his warmeſt Affection for them, and his unremitted Endeavours to promote their beſt Intereſt at the Court of Great-Britain.

Reſolved, As the Opinion of this Houſe, That by comparing theſe Letters ſigned *Tho. Hutchinſon* with thoſe ſigned *And. Oliver*, *Cha. Paxton* and *Nath. Rogers*, and conſidering what has ſince in Fact taken Place conformable thereto, that there have been for many Years paſt Meaſures contemplated, and a Plan formed, by a Set of Men born and educated among us, to raiſe their own Fortunes and advance themſelves to Poſts of Honor and Profit, not only to the Deſtruction of the Charter and Conſtitution of this Province, but at the Expence of the Rights and Liberties of the American Colonies.—And it is further the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid Perſons have been ſome of the chief Inſtruments in the Introduction of a Military Force into the Province to

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carry their Plans into Execution; and therefore they have been not only greatly inſtrumental of diſturbing the Peace and Harmony of the Government, and cauſing and promoting great Diſcord and Animoſities, but are juſtly chargeable with the great Corruption of Morals, and all that Confuſion, Miſery and Bloodſhed, which have been the natural Effects of the Introduction of Troops.

Whereas for many Years paſt, Meaſures have been taken by the Britiſh Adminiſtration, very grievous to the good People of this Province; which this Houſe have now Reaſon to ſuppoſe, were promoted, if not originally ſuggeſted by the Writers of theſe Letters; and many Efforts have been made by the People to obtain the Redreſs of their Grievances: Reſolved,

That it appears to this Houſe, that the Writers of theſeLetters have availed themſelves of Diſorders that naturally ariſe in a free Government under ſuch Oppreſſions, as Arguments to prove, that it was originally neceſſary ſuch Meaſures ſhould have been taken, and that they ſhould now be continued and increaſed.

Whereas in the Letter ſigned Cha. Paxton, *dated* Boſton-Harbour, June 20, 1768, *it is expreſly declared that "unleſs we have immediately two or three Regiments, 'tis*

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the Opinion of all the Friends of Government, that Boſton *will be in* open Rebellion."

Reſolved, That this is a moſt wicked and injurious Repreſentation, deſign'd to inflame the Minds of his Majeſty's Miniſters and the Nation, and to excite in the Breaſt of our Sovereign a Jealouſy of his loyal Subjects of ſaid Town, without the leaſt Grounds therefor, as Enemies of his Majeſty's Perſon and Government.

Whereas certain Letters ſigned by two private Perſons, viz. Thomas Moffat *and* George Rome, *have been laid before the Houſe, which Letters contain many Matters highly injurious to Government and to the national Peace:*

Reſolved, That it has been the Misfortune of this Government from the earlieſt Period of it, from Time to Time, to be ſecretly traduced and maliciouſly repreſented to the Britiſh Miniſtry, by Perſons who were neither friendly to this Colony, nor to the Engliſh Conſtitution.

Reſolved, That this Houſe have juſt Reaſon to complain of it as a very great Grievance, that the humble Petitions and Remonſtrances of the Commons of this Province are not allowed to reach the Hand of our moſt gracious Sovereign, merely becauſe they are preſented by an Agent to whoſe Appointment, the Gover-

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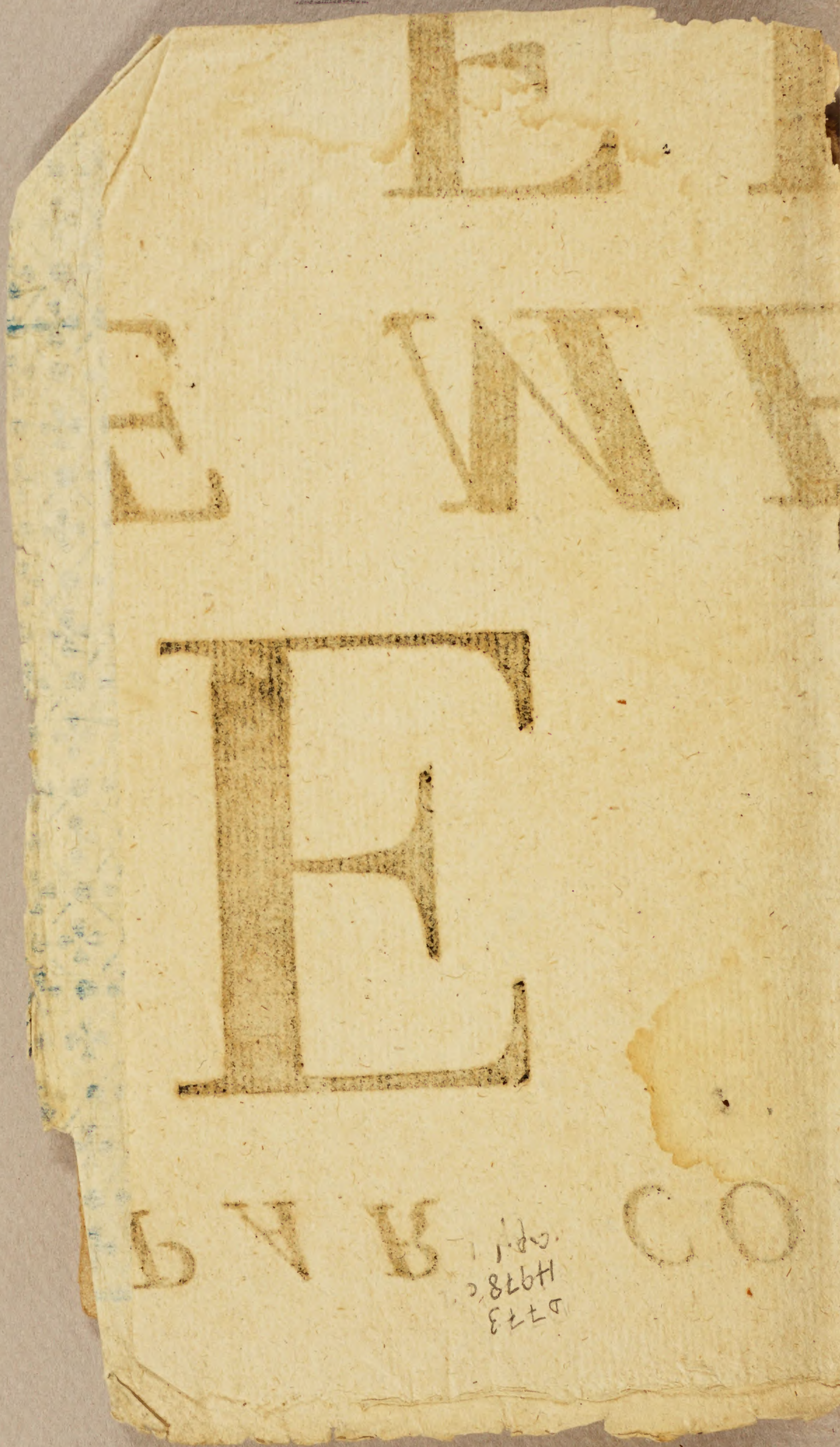
nor, with whom our chief Diſpute may ſubſiſt, doth not conſent; while the partial and inflamatory Letters of Individuals, who are greatly intereſted in the Revenue Acts and the Meaſures taken to carry them into Execution, have been laid before Adminiſtration, attended to, and determined upon, not only to the Injury of the Reputation of the People, but to the depriving them of their invaluable Rights and Liberties.

Whereas this Houſe are humbly of Opinion, that his Majeſty will judge it to be incompatible with the Intereſt of his Crown and the Peace and Safety of the good People of this his loyal Province, that Perſons ſhould be continued in Places of high Truſt and Authority in it, who are known to have, with great Induſtry, tho' ſecretly, endeavoured to undermine, alter and overthrow the Conſtitution of the Province:

Therefore,

Reſolved, That this Houſe is bound in Duty to the King and their Conſtituents, humbly to remonſtrate to his Majeſty, the Conduct of his Excellency *Thomas Hutchinſon*, Eſq; Governor; and the Honorable *Andrew Oliver*, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province; and to pray that his Majeſty would be pleaſed to remove them forever from the Government thereof.



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